

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE  
PILOT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 15, 2021, the  
2       Commissioner of Housing, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
3       Public Health and with input from housing, civil rights and education  
4       advocates, shall establish the Healthy Housing Assistance pilot  
5       program. Such pilot program shall provide fifty additional rental  
6       assistance program certificates under section 8-345 of the general  
7       statutes over a period of two years for use in high and very high  
8       opportunity areas, as designated pursuant to section 8-348 of the general  
9       statutes, to income-eligible families who have at least one child with  
10      persistent asthma, as determined by the Connecticut Children's Medical  
11      Center in the city of Hartford.

12      (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall develop procedures for  
13      landlord recruitment, family recruitment, and housing search assistance  
14      and counseling for such pilot program. The commissioner shall make  
15      twenty-five rental assistance certificates available from June 1, 2021, to  
16      July 31, 2022, and twenty-five additional rental assistance certificates  
17      from June 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. All participants in this program shall  
18      have access to the residence mobility counseling program established  
19      under section 8-348 of the general statutes. All participants shall  
20      continue to receive rental assistance under section 8-345 of the general  
21      statutes after the conclusion of the pilot program for as long as they

22 remain eligible for such assistance under section 8-345 of the general  
23 statutes.

24 (c) The Commissioner of Housing shall submit an interim report and  
25 a final report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
26 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
27 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing and public  
28 health. The commissioner shall submit the interim report on or before  
29 August 31, 2021, and a final report on or before September 30, 2023. Each  
30 report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A summary of  
31 program implementation, including efforts to inform and educate  
32 families about the program, recruit landlords, provide search assistance  
33 and counseling, and (2) an assessment of program utilization rates,  
34 waiting list numbers, and the racial, ethnic, household composition and  
35 income demographics of the program participants and those on the  
36 waiting list. The final report shall include an assessment of program  
37 performance during the pilot period based on data, including, but not  
38 limited to, data concerning both the implementation of the program by  
39 the Department of Housing and the use of the program, and any  
40 recommendations the commissioner may have regarding future  
41 implementation or an extension of the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section